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Furthermore, Applicant has deleted reference to claim 1. The brief shall contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in *each* of the independent claims involved in the appeal. Also, underlining and strikethrough is not permitted when correcting an appeal brief.

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